

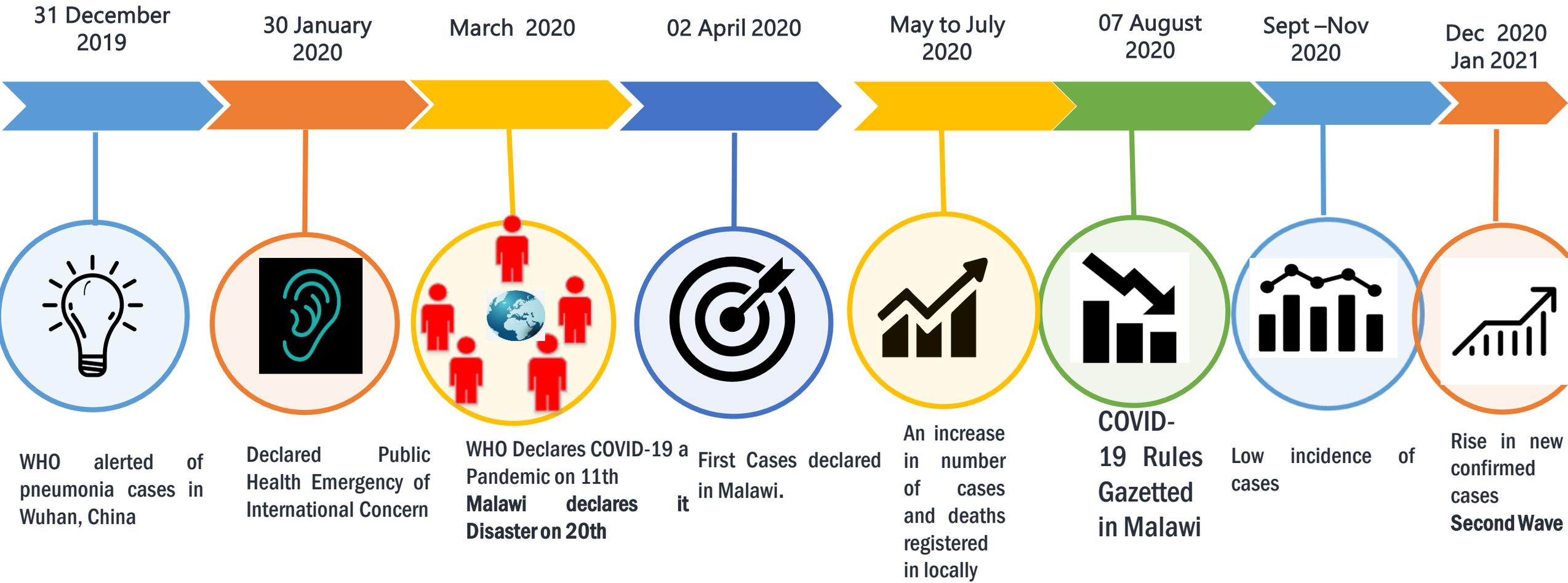
# COVID-19 Pandemic \_Malawi

25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

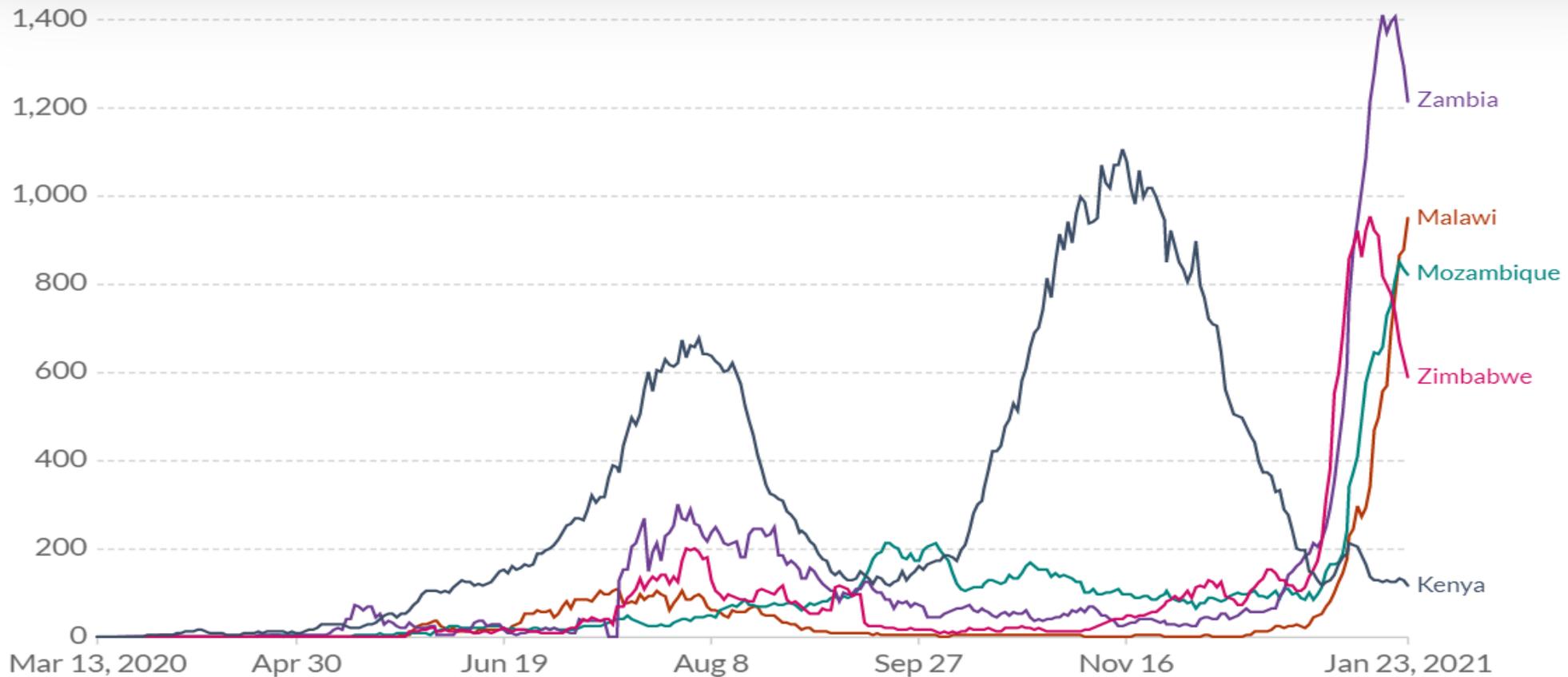
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# COVID-19 Timeline of Events



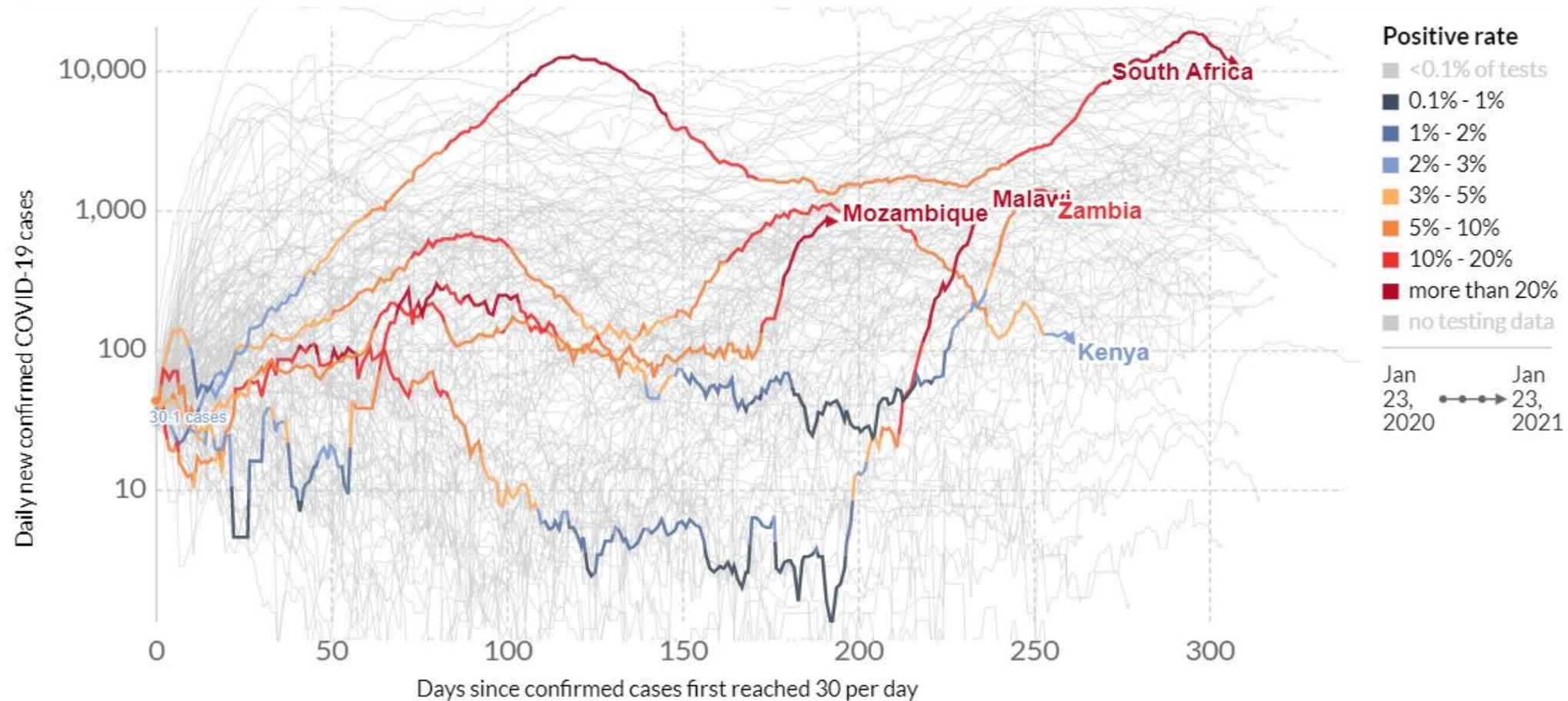
# Regional COVID 19 Situation as of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021



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# Local Situation Update as at 6.00am 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021



**19,987**

Confirmed cases

**592** new cases

**12,479**

active cases

**134**

lost to  
follow-up

**76**

under  
investigation

**34.5 (14.7)** mean age

(SD), years



**518(10 new)** deaths

**76%** male

median age **56** years



**6,780** recoveries

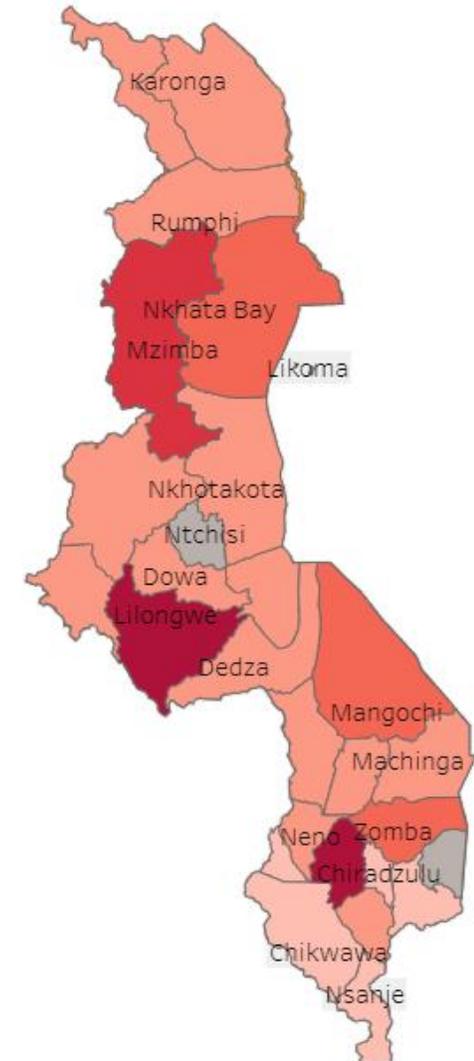
**130,006(1,583 new)**

tests conducted

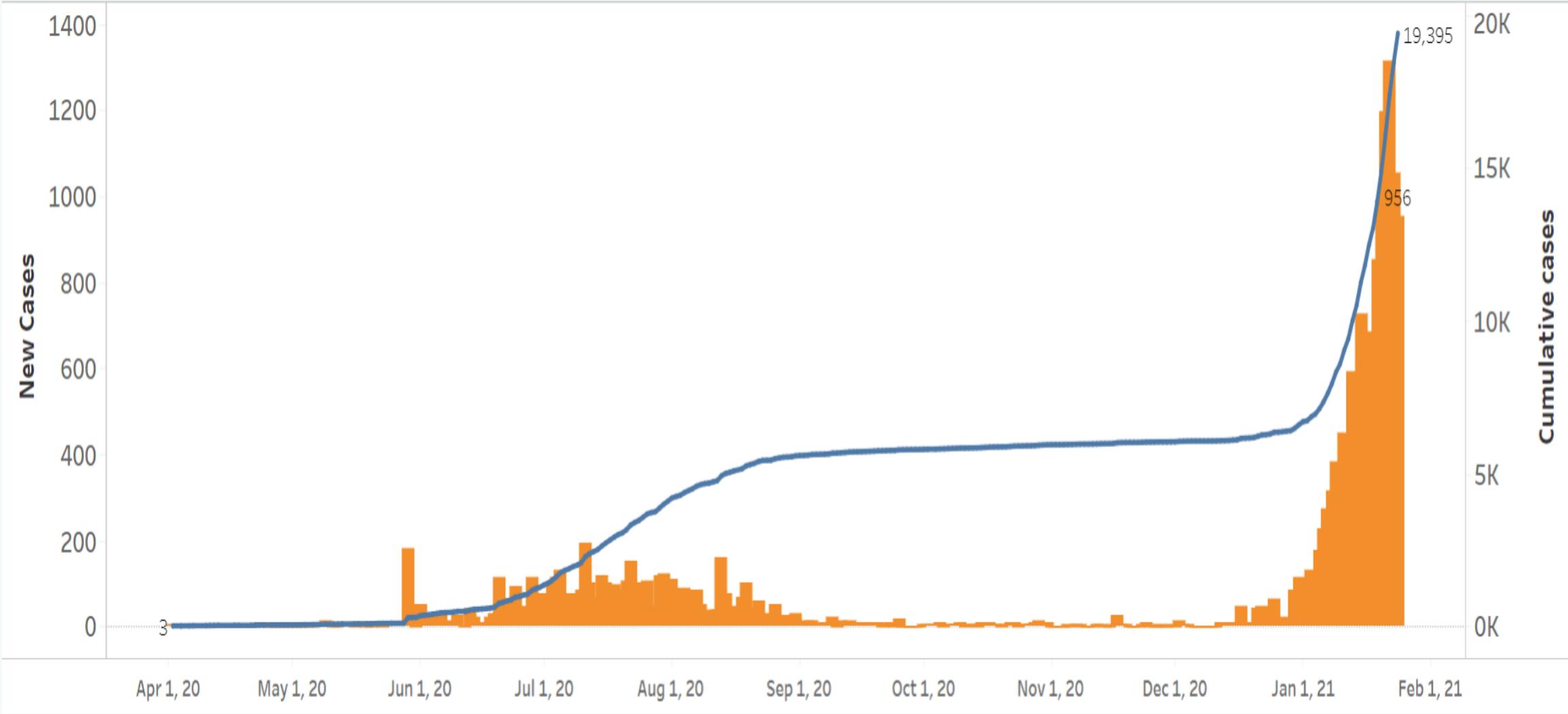
**16** RT-PCR testing sites

**39** GeneXpert testing sites

**149** Ag RDT Testing Sites



# Epidemic Curve in Malawi as of 25<sup>th</sup> January

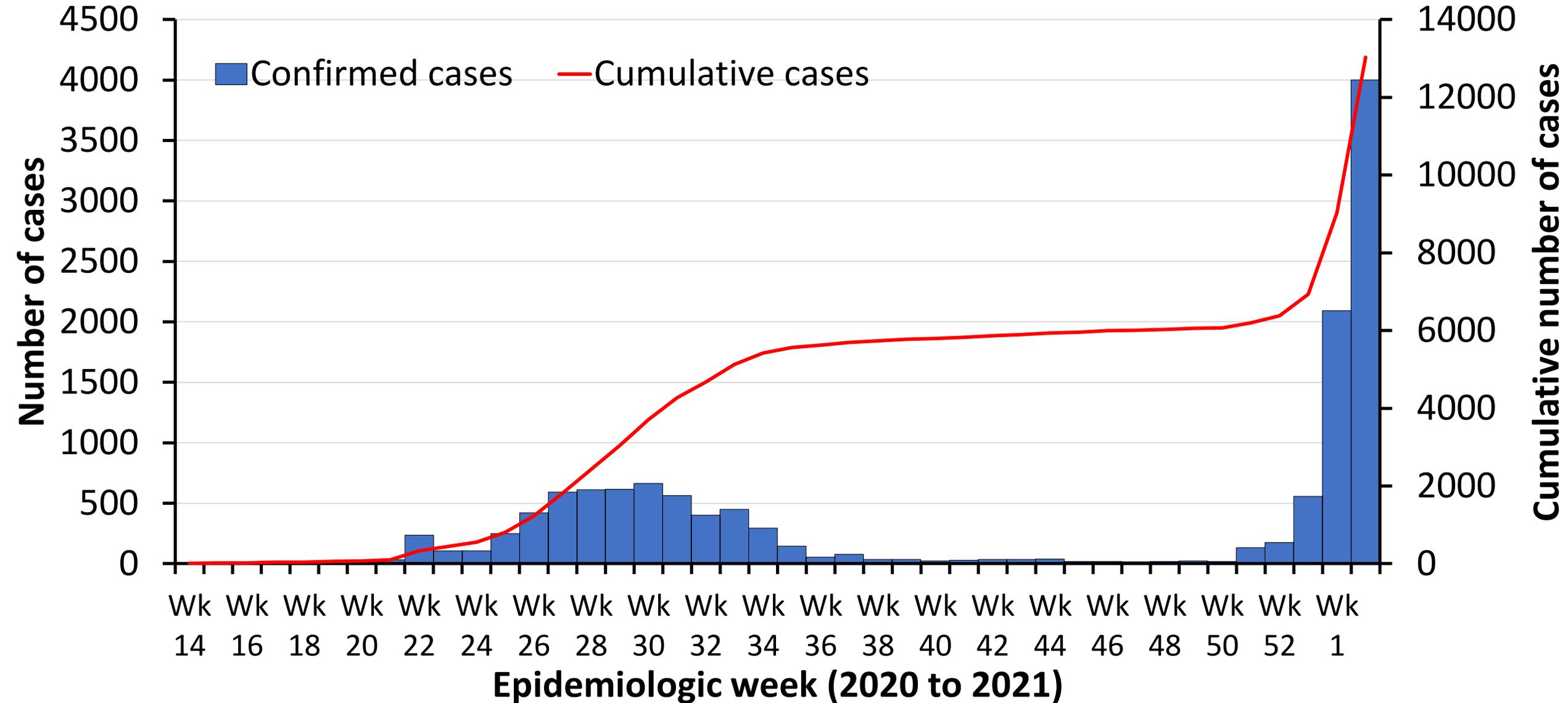


# COVID-19 admissions and deaths as of 25th January, 2021

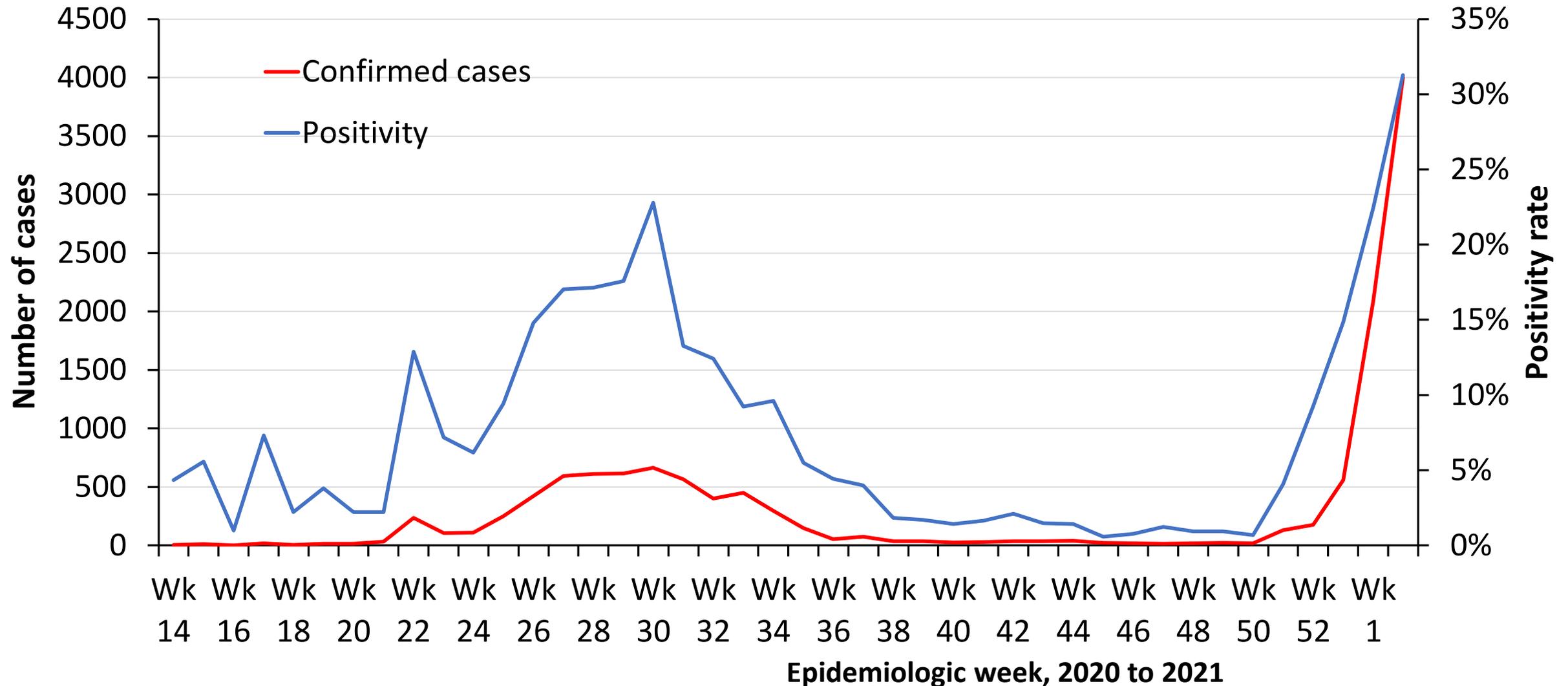
DISTRICTS	CURRENT ADMISSIONS
Lilongwe	128
Blantyre	70
Zomba	20
Mzimba North	15
Mulanje	9
Karonga,Chiradzulu	8
Kasungu	7
Chikwawa	6
Dowa	5
Nkhotakota, Salima	4
Mangochi, Nsanje	3
Mchinji, Rumpi,Mangochi, Chitipa, Neno,Rumpi, Ntcheu, Balaka, Ntchisi	2
Mzimba South, Thyolo,Machinga,Phalombe	1
TOTAL	307

- 10 Deaths in past 24 hours, CFR 2.6%
- 19 New Admissions and 12 New Discharges in past 24 hours

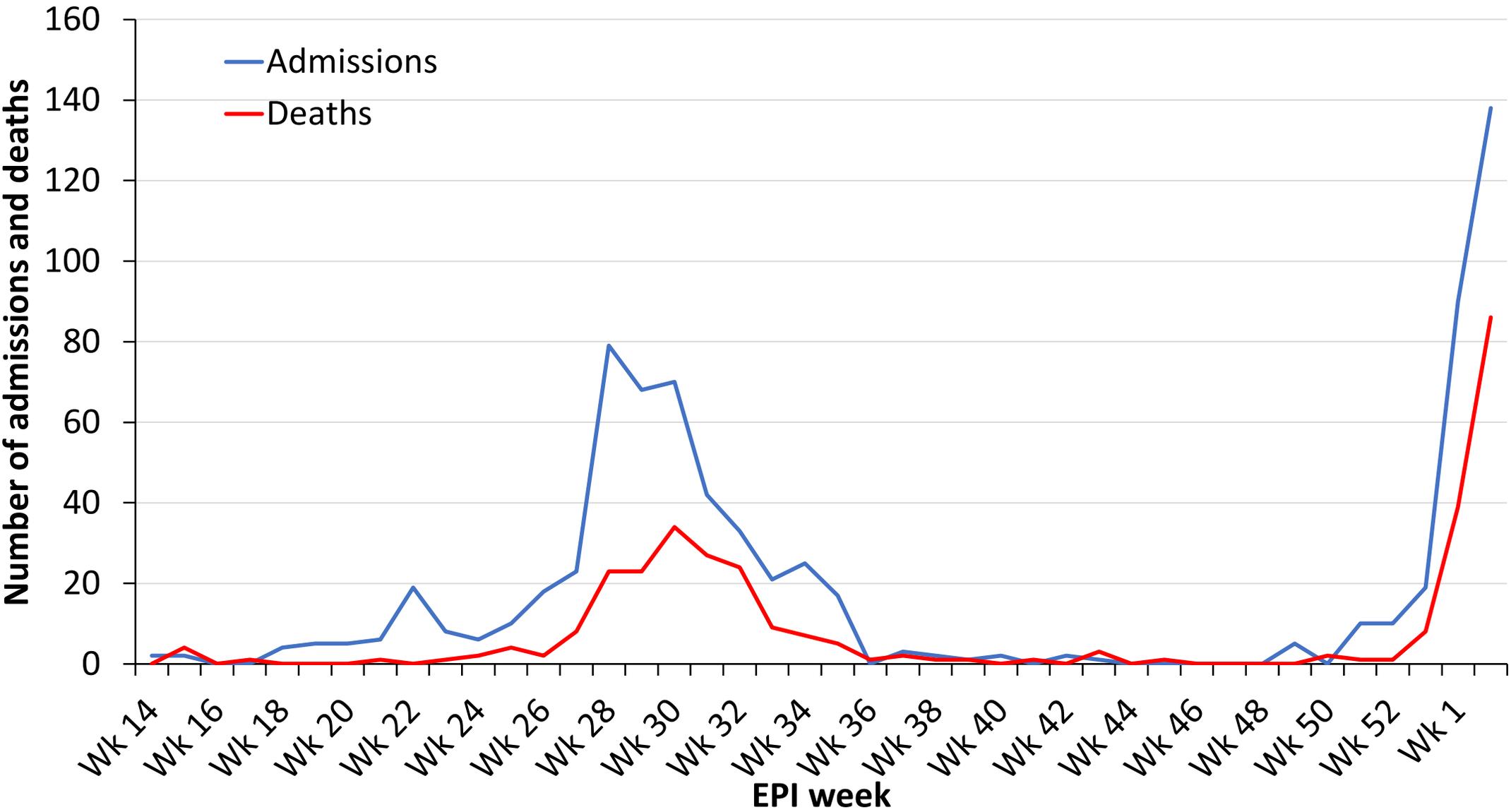
# Weekly COVID-19 cases in Malawi as of 17 Jan 2021



# COVID-19 cases and positivity rate 17 Jan 2021



# COVID-19 admissions and deaths as of 17 Jan 2021

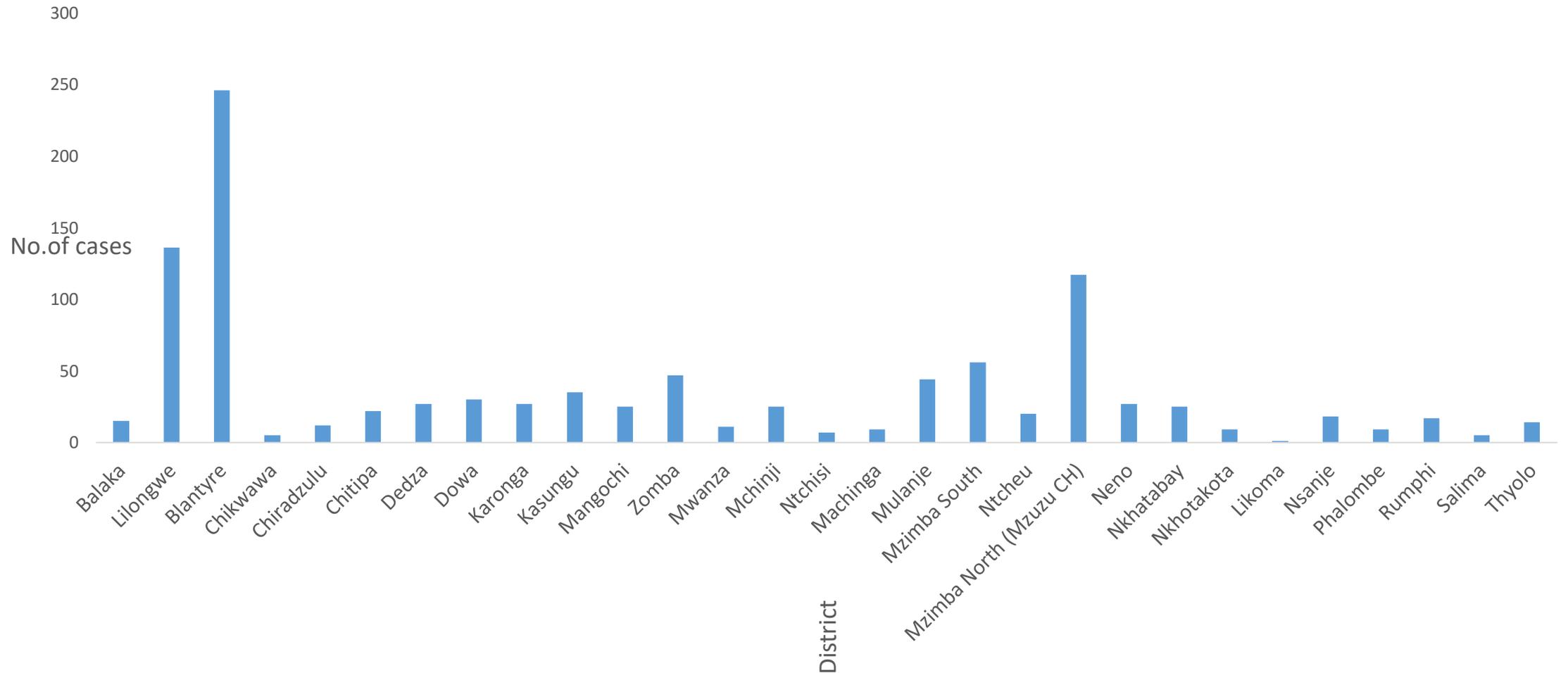


# Health Care Worker Update

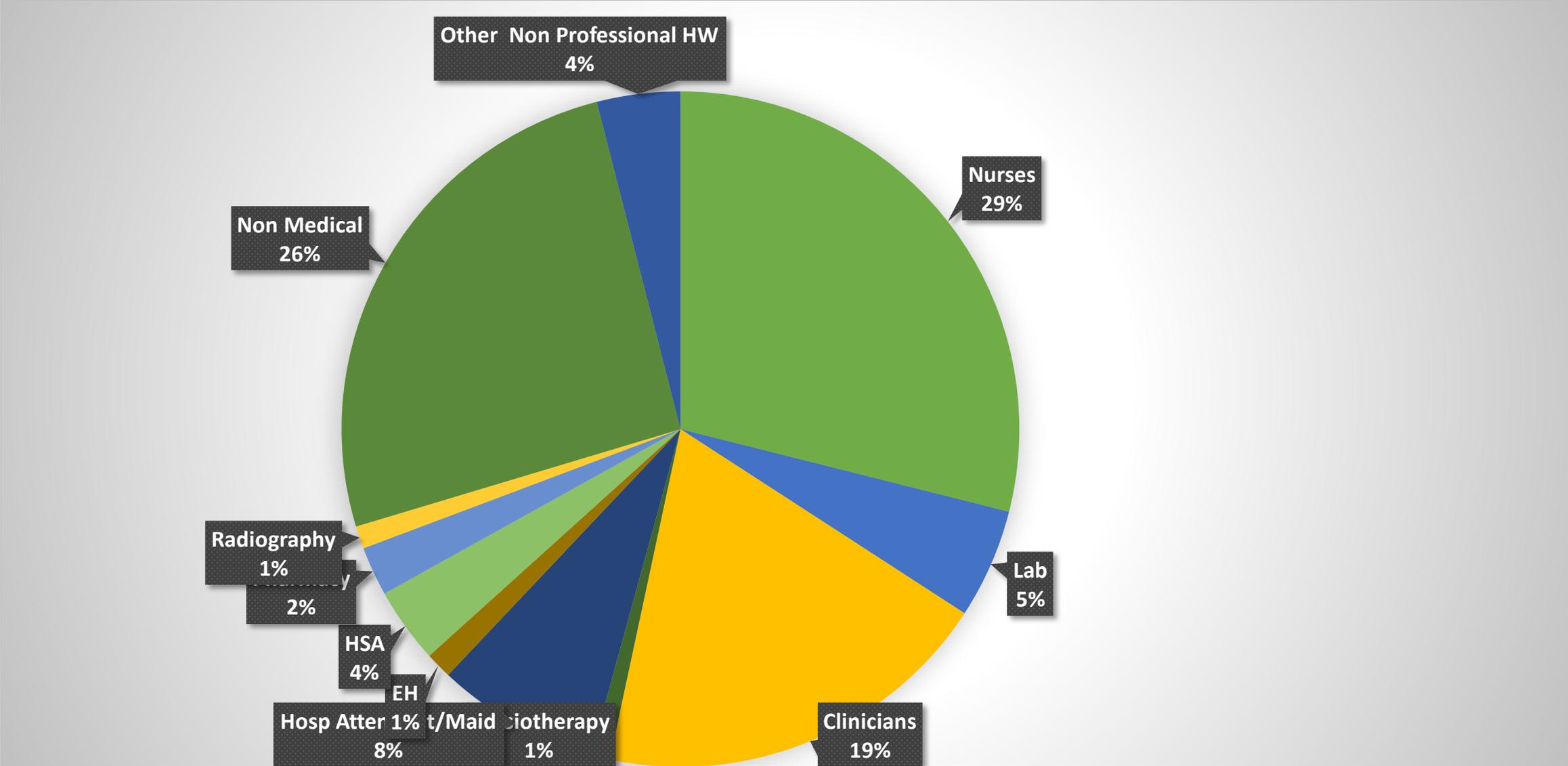
# Overview as of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

- 920 Health Care Workers
- 8 Deaths
- 29 Districts Affected
- High numbers in high burden districts
- Median Age 35(Range 17 to 72)

# Health Worker COVID-19 Cases Distribution by District as of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021



# Health Worker COVID-19 Cases Distribution by Cadre as of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021



# Public Health Measures and Updates

# Public Health Measures

- **Testing** – Focused on symptomatics, entrants, high risk groups, outgoing travellers
- **Tracing** - Identification and follow up and testing of contacts
- **Quarantine** - contacts of confirmed cases
- **Isolating** – Self isolation for mild cases, Admission for severe cases
- **Infection prevention and control in health care settings and Community-** mandatory masking, PPE availability for HCWs
- **Implementation of health measures for travelers**
- **Risk communication** – various communication and community engagement strategies
- **Enforcement of PHSMs including 3Ws**(Wear Mask, Wash Hands, Watch your Distance), minimize gatherings, Outdoor gatherings preferable Maximum gathering limit 100

# Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- Continuation of airing of Osayidelerá COVID-19 programs and together we can beat it radio program
- Sharing of daily updates and monitoring of feedback
- Conducted the RCCE meeting on COVID-19 vaccine
- In the process of drafting a communication plan for COVID-19 vaccine
- Dissemination of basic preventive messages through different channels to suit the current level of the pandemic
- Engagement of influential groups: business community, minibus owners/drivers, community and religious leaders, truck owners
- Sharing of daily updates and monitoring of feedback

# COVAX Update

- Malawi Approved for COVAX facility
- Expecting vaccines in second quarter of 2021
- 20% of the population to be covered(3.8 million), start with high risk groups(HCWs, Elderly, Persons with comorbidities)
- National Vaccine Deployment Plan under development
- Community Engagement Strategy on COVAX under development

# Possible Areas needing Support

- Human Resources for Health
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Oxygen Plants and Cylinders
- Face Masks \_ Cloth, Reusable
- Data Management Systems and Infrastructure
- COVID-19 Vaccine and its deployment

THANK YOU